

P Y A W A Y S



What is a Playaway?

Keene Memorial Library now offers another way for you to 'listen' to a book — via Playaways — a digital audio device, otherwise known as an MP3 player.

What does this mean to me?

With Playaways, the book arrives already downloaded on the player - which means that you don't have to mess with physical tapes, the device doesn't skip and it's portable.

What is the loan period?

21 days.

How do I find Playaway books?

You can search for Playaway titles in the catalog by doing a subject browse search using the keyword "playaways".

What is the size of a Playaway and how much content can it hold?

Playaway weighs just two ounces and is about half the size of a deck of cards and holds content that ranges from 3 to 24 hours play time.

What will I get when I check it out?

Playaways checkout just like books on CD. You will get a kit that includes an MP3 player loaded with the specific audiobook, a new AAA battery, headphones and a set of instructions.

You can also use your own headphones. The battery included may not be sufficient for the length of the book. Please feel free to change out the AAA battery if needed.
Please discard used batteries.

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New content cannot be added to Playaway

How can I lower the volume?

Playaway suggests that you press the play button (just once – don't hold down) to pause and then press the volume button. (It will start at the lowest level and volume can be increased from there.)

 PLAYAWAY
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How to turn on Playaway

Press the Playaway button once to power it on. The Playaway button is the center button on the bottom row, just beneath the LCD. It has the Playaway logo on it.

The unit is now on in a paused state. Now you can plug in your ear buds – or any other headphones or speaker (you will need an adapter to play it in your car). Finally, when you're ready, press the Playaway button again and the book will begin to play.

Copies cannot be made.

Can I use another set of headphones with my Playaway?

Absolutely. Playaway was designed with a universal headphone jack in order to allow patrons to enjoy their content using almost any type of headphones, speakers or mobility accessories available on the market. As a result, Playaway can be enjoyed wherever you want to listen, including your car and your home.

How to replace the battery

The base of the Playaway has a battery door that can be removed, much like on a common remote control. Simply snap it off – don't worry, you won't break it. It takes some force. Once it's off just replace the battery with a standard AAA (provided in the case), snap the battery cover back in place and discard the used battery.

How long does one AAA battery last?

Each Playaway is pre-loaded with a standard AAA battery that should allow for 6-8 hours of uninterrupted playtime.

How to attach a lanyard

At the narrow top of the Playaway unit is a small lanyard clip that slides out of the unit. The lanyard itself is not included. Then take the lanyard and loop the thin end through the lanyard clip opening.

How does Playaway compare to audio on cassette or CD?

How does Playaway compare to digital downloads and other forms of on-the-go downloading like cell phones?

Playaway is more convenient and easier to enjoy than juggling multiple CDs, cassettes or a separate player. Playaway also offers various enhanced digital features, including the ability to control the speed of the narrator's voice.

How does Playaway compare to digital LPs?

Playaway comes pre-loaded with its digital content, so it does not require information transfer fees, subscriptions, memberships, or even an Internet connection. Just plug-in your headphones and listen wherever you go.

What does the audio sound like on a Playaway?

Playaway audio is equal to or better than most digital downloads available today.

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Why when you turn the device off, then turn it back on, does it pick up about 45 seconds or so prior to where it left off?

Some overlap is nice, but if this seems excessively long, push fast forward (just once) – which will advance the program 15 seconds and cut down on the overlap time.

How can bookmarks be erased?

Bookmarks must be removed individually. There is no way to remove all bookmarks at once. Bookmarks do NOT need to be set if you simply want the Playaway to remember where it last left off.

Why does it seem to be stuck on a chapter and keep repeating the text?

This can happen if battery power is low. Replacing the battery should fix this problem.

The recording sounds scratchy – like an old LP.

Most probably this is due to the ear phones being used. Try listening with a different ear phone set. If there is still a problem, the player should be turned into the circulation desk with a note.

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